

**Approved 4/29/09**

**POLICE FIRE CITIZEN'S TASK FORCE**

**April 27, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building**

**PRESENT:** Jerry Fenstermaker – Chairman, Jerry Harmison – Vice Chairman, Mary Beth Daniels, Gordon Elliott, Carl Herd, Ken Homan, Bob Horton, Danny Hyde, James Jeffries, Bob Jones, Peggy Kubicek, Charles Munsey, David Trippe, Craig Wagoner, Lloyd Young

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mayor Jim O'Neal, Nick Ibarra, Bob Stephens

**CITY STAFF LIAISONS:** Greg Burris – City Manager, Evelyn Honea – Deputy City Manager, Dan Wichmer – City Attorney, Carl Yendes – Assistant City Attorney, Louise Whall - Director of Public Information, Sharon Smith – City Manager's Office

**ABSENT:** Lorenzo Baldwin

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Jerry Fenstermaker made opening remarks to the Task Force stating what the Task Force can expect with regard to volunteering their time and energy to this assignment. Mr. Fenstermaker shared his goal for how the meetings should be structured, what his plans are for the Task Force and how the Task Force will move ahead. A 2" binder was presented to each member with background information and analysis. The first 3-4 meetings will be structured to provide educational and background information to assist in giving each member an equal opportunity for learning.

Mr. Fenstermaker introduced Mayor Jim O'Neal. Mayor O'Neal stated this is a very complex problem that he knows the Task Force can assist with. Stakeholders will each have a balanced representation throughout the process.

Mr. Fenstermaker introduced Greg Burris, City Manager. Mr. Burris stated the binder will be a great source of information. He thanked the City Staff. He stated the City's role is to serve the Task Force any way staff can assist, as well as clerical and legal support. Someone from the City Manager's office will try and attend all meetings. He noted the binders are now available online for the public. Hard copies can be provided at a cost if requested. Mr. Burris introduced Evelyn Honea who reviewed the table of content for the binders with Task Force members to provide them with a brief overview

of the materials included in the binder. Ms. Honea stated that if any member finds they would like additional information included in the binders, please contact Sharon Smith for assistance. Mr. Burris stated Ms. Honea serves as Chairman of the Policemen and Firefighters Pension Board of Trustees and will be a good resource to answer questions. Mr. Fenstermaker stated, with City Staff's assistance, any information requested will be funneled back to all members so everyone has the same information available.

Mr. Fenstermaker provided some background information as well as a bio of himself. He then asked for each Task Force member to provide an introduction and bio of themselves. They also shared with the group why they wanted to serve on this Task Force from a personal perspective.

Mr. Burris introduced Dan Wichmer, City Attorney, and Carl Yendes, Assistant City Attorney, as the legal resources available. He also introduced Louise Whall, Director of Public Information, who will work with the media and handle coverage on TV23.

Mr. Wichmer stated either he or Mr. Yendes will attend all meetings. They can provide background information from council bills that have been written. Mr. Wichmer shared with the group requirements under the Sunshine Law which they will be required to follow. All emails and correspondences should be forwarded to Brenda Curtin, City Clerk, for proper record retention, as required by the Sunshine Law. Members do not need to archive emails once they are sent to the City Clerk. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Wichmer or Mr. Yendes regarding the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Fenstermaker presented a Power Point of the proposed Task Force structure and the various methods that could be used to attack the problem. The Task Force will break out into three teams: These three teams represent the stakeholders involved in the pension issue: Citizens/Taxpayers – Police and Fire Pension Fund – City. Those three teams will meet bi-weekly, with the Committee of the Whole meeting on the off-weeks. This schedule should start within the next couple of weeks after the assignments have been determined. Mr. Fenstermaker plans to have these three teams hold a "town hall" type meeting in the future. Each team should try and develop two alternative solutions. The current timetable provides for a presentation to be made to City Council with a recommended solution within 90 days.

Mr. Fenstermaker asked the members to please submit three issues that each personally feel need to be addressed. These need to be submitted to Sharon Smith, if possible, prior to Wednesday's meeting. Each issue will be assigned to one of the three teams.

Mr. Fenstermaker has asked Ms. Smith to coordinate the presentations of various stakeholders noted on Mr. Burris' charge. These stakeholders will be asked to present their areas of concern and other pertinent information to the Task Force over the next several meetings.

Several questions regarding the investment portfolio were discussed. Ken Homan stated the money managers have made presentations to the Police Fire Pension Board within the last 90 days. He stated they do provide reports on a quarterly basis to the Board.

Mr. Carl Herd questioned the issue regarding the retirement of current Police and Fire employees. He inquired about the numbers of employees retiring in the next few months. He wanted to know if the City could provide updates on the intentions of employees who are eligible for retirement in the foreseeable future. Mr. Fenstermaker stated that is something that one of the stakeholder groups should be able to answer for the Task Force.

The Task Force determined the next meetings will take place on the following dates: April 29, May 5, May 6 – all meetings will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Busch Building.

Carl Yendes stated the sub-committees must adhere to the Sunshine Law as well and that they would also be open as public meetings. These meetings, as well, will be held in the Busch Building in one of the smaller meeting rooms.

Mr. Jerry Harmison stated that if anyone receives emails or other information they feel would be valuable to the group, then just print the email and bring it with you to the next meeting for discussion.

Mr. Harmison stated, as a reminder, that these meetings are recorded. If a member must miss a meeting, they may request a copy of the recorded minutes to review in detail. This can be requested from Ms. Smith. Mr. Burris also stated that the Sub-Committee meetings will be recorded when possible. With limited staff available, the City will try to accommodate and record as many meetings as possible.

Mr. Jones stated he would like to receive a complete hard copy of the City Charter. Mr. Herd stated he would like a copy as well. Ms. Smith will provide copies to both at Wednesday's meeting.

CORRECTION NOTE: Ms. Honea and Mr. Homan stated that the Police Fire Pension Board monthly meeting was noted incorrectly as May 7. The correct date is May 14 – Gino Reino, the Investment Consultant for the Board, will be providing a quarterly update on the investment portfolio of the fund at approximately 9:00 a.m. on May 14 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Busch Building. All Task Force members are invited to attend. The meeting is recorded and minutes will be available at a later date for those that could not attend but would like to have a summary of the information.

